

Monday, February 9th, 2026: BWNA General Meeting Agenda

Sylvan Learning Center, 4300 N.E. Fremont St. (or via *Zoom*)

Introductions, Agenda Approval, Guest Speaker (President Al Ellis presiding)

- 1) Taking roll: Introduction of Board members and non-Board member committee chairs Al Ellis, President, Patty Nelson, Immediate Past President, Karla Lenox, Treasurer, At Large Board Members, Angela Frome, Colin O'Neill, Tim Root. Tim Gillespie, Vice President, John Sandie, Aaron Breakstone, Susan Trabucco, Crystal Grainger, Tom Cuppernull. Committee Heads: (Matt Grainger and Mary Roney present)
- 2) Board members with excused absences noted for minutes Patti Koehler, Secretary, Rob Lee, David Knowles
- 3) Introduction of non-Board member attendees Peggy Ellis, Michelle Rudd, Mary Rooney, Diane Charlton, Jim Karlock, Martha Bannerman
- 4) Board approval of agenda- Karla moved a motion to approve and Chrystal seconded unanimously approved.
- 5) Guest Speaker: Chuck Greulich, Day Shift Lieutenant, Portland Police, North Precinct Portland Police Captain Chuck Greulich from North Precinct was our guest speaker. He informed us of a recent night gathering of 50 or so young people in Wilshire Park that resulted in fist fights and gunshots (injuries only from the fist fights). When the police arrived, most of the young people had fled the scene. The matter is under investigation and shared that the youth were not residents of BWNA. The anti-ICE protest that began in Wilshire Park and ended in front of Mayor Wilson's home last Saturday was monitored by police and ended up being peaceful. Officer Greulich said that he approves of us providing a heads-up to him via e-mail about potentially problematic upcoming events as well as real-time potentially problematic events (like a large congregation of young people in Wilshire Park at night). With respect to graffiti, drug use, homeless problems, etc., he advised phoning 311 to be put in touch with organizations like Portland Environmental Management and Portland Solutions (the city's trouble-shooting crew). In answer to a question about daily patrols in Beaumont-Wilshire, Officer Greulich said that due to insufficient numbers, police are often called away from a local beat to respond to urgent situations in other parts of the city. The good news is that our neighborhood has a friend in Chuck Greulich

Open Floor for Non-Board Members

Regular attendee Jim Karlock returned, During the "Open Floor" segment he aired a variety of concerns, mostly regarding pedestrian safety at crosswalks due to parked cars obstructing vision. Since he was the lone Open Floor participant, Al allowed him to spend a bit more talking time beyond the 3-minute limit.

Association Meeting and Governance Items

1.) Board approval of minutes from January board meeting (Patti Koehler) Crystal Granger moved a motion to approve and John Sandie seconded unanimously approved.

2.) Treasurer's Report (Karla Lenox)

- a.) cash in checking account \$19,019.61
- b.) cash in Venmo account \$2,137.28
- c.) outstanding bills- Mary with BBA asking for BBA board approval to pay ½ of costs for ongoing maintenance of the crossing flag project.
- d.) donor/sponsor contributions via NECN 501(C)(3); NECN "communication grant"

Karla reported that to get the \$1000 communication grant from NECN, paperwork has been completed. \$500 was donated to BWNA's general fund by a B-W resident and Al sent the resident an e-mail thanking her for the contribution with an assurance that the money would be put to good use for the benefit of the neighborhood. Karla informed us that she will be going on vacation at the end of February and consequently will not be able to provide a Treasurer's report for the March meeting.

- 6) Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN, District 2) report Patty Nelson Crystal attended the NECN meeting with Patty, and both noted continued dysfunction from within and there is work to be done. NECN has contracted with a consultant to write draft of strategic plan and has a small budget for legal fees. Crystal did observe some bright spots in the organization as well. Big thanks to Patty for hanging in there as our rep. Patty mentioned an upcoming NECN event regarding transportation funding March 3rd 6-8
- 7) District 2 Councilor Sameer Kanal to speak + Q & A at March 9th board meeting (Al)
- 8) District 2 City Councilor Sameer Kanal will be our guest speaker in March and is publicized in the upcoming newsletter issue for March/April. Given controversy within the Council this year we expect an above-average turnout for the meeting. One matter that will probably be before the Council in March is the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding the Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub (to allow Zenith limited expansion of renewable and aviation fuels at the hub or to prohibit all fuel expansion upgrades). Al Ellis provided attendees with an article on this issue (printed on the back of the agenda), and David, who is a member of the Planning Commission, informed us via e-mail that a recommendation would likely be completed by the end of this month, though amendments could slow the process.

Outstanding Action Items and Committee/Team Updates

- 1) Ad Hoc Plaza Committee report (Aaron Breakstone) Under Aaron's leadership of the Ad Hoc Plaza Committee, they hit the ground running upon being selected by PBOT to move on to the second round along with 3 other groups (not in competition with us the possibility of all 4 advancing to the finish line. Aaron said that, so far, survey-takers are overwhelmingly in favor of implementation of the plaza pilot program. Colin and Tom went door to door on 44th and said that the residents that they spoke with were positive. A couple of neighbors just took the flyer and didn't chat, and about 50% of the homes we visited either had "No Soliciting" signs or nobody was home. Colin shared the residents that they spoke to were positive, but not necessarily representative of the whole block.
Parking remains a concern, especially for nearby businesses, but PBOT has provided us with suggestions for mitigating the problem. Next Wednesday, the 18th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Alameda Elementary School library, residents will have an opportunity to provide input to the BWNA Board, followed by a Zoom meeting on the 23rd at 7:00 for those who missed the in-person meeting. Board members are encouraged to attend both meetings if possible.
- 2) Land Use report (Tim Root)
Tim Root and others reported on progress being made on construction of the Food Cart Pod on Fremont and 44th—Projected late Spring. Tom is assisting with the project with audio. The project's developers are enthusiastically supportive of the plaza, as is BBA via Mary Meyers. Tim reported that the "castle house", as neighbors refer to, located below Wistaria Dr had been sold and is currently being renovated.
- 3) Transportation report (Colin O'Neill); Pedestrian Flag Project update (Patti & Angela Frome) In response to concerns aired at last month's meeting by residents alarmed by speeding on 42nd, Colin contacted PBOT, and the result is a traffic and pedestrian study on 42nd to be conducted by PBOT soon.
Angela Frome for flags. Mary with BBA asking for board approval to pay ½ of costs for ongoing maintenance
- 4) Events Committee report (John Sandie)
John reviewed upcoming events, the next one on Feb. 21st Neighborhood Recycling held at Great Spirit United Methodist Church on Shaver. The proposed presentation by the AI safety guy, Spyder McHenry, is on hold TBA. Still waiting to hear what movie we get for Movie in the Park, but event is approved.
- 5) Communication Committee report (Michelle Rudd)
next meeting will be on 18th at 4:30 via Zoom. Those wishing to attend the meeting can receive the Zoom invite by contacting Michelle via e-mail (mrudd1855@gmail.com). (That evening it's off to Alameda School for the plaza meeting.)

6) Newsletter Team report (Susan Trabucco)

Susan reported that the newsletter survey showed most respondents favoring Mediterranean and Mexican cuisines for the Food Cart Pod (585 respondents to the survey). Newsletter lost 2 ads this month.

7) New Neighbor Welcoming Project report (Al)

The number of new B-W homeowners for January on the list provided by First American Title is zero! Alameda Neighborhood Association inquired about our welcoming program last month, and now their welcoming project is up and running with the help of First American Title. Crystal reported that when she was recently out on delivery, the owner thanked her but said that Alameda N.A. had already stopped by with a greeting packet. suspect it was the result of an error by First American Title. Al will contact ANA and remind them that the west-east boundary between our two neighborhoods is 33rd.

8) Friends of Wilshire Park Committee report (Mary Roney)

We welcomed Mary Roney back following absences due to recent surgery. Mary encouraged us to check out the updated Friends of Wilshire Park website (www.friendsofwilshirepark.org), funded by BWNA as of last month's meeting. The Friends of Wilshire Park Committee will be meeting quarterly, and Mary will be announcing the dates soon. PP & R funds are in short supply for new projects, with each neighborhood park in competition with the 100 or so others. Matt inquired about additional lighting, and Mary said that it might be doable on a limited basis around the pavilion. Mary explained that PP & R doesn't consider Wilshire Park as much of a safety risk as some other East Side parks.

8:30-8:35: For the good of the order (announcements, meeting reflections, etc.)

Upcoming Board Meeting = Monday, March 9th, 2026, 7:00 p.m., Sylvan Learning Center

Adjournment.

